

Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) is presenting a course to provide new responders the safety information to respond safely and to assist on the scene as needed.

TFACA presents this course in two formats: The first is a standard 16 hours of instruction conducted at departments' respective fire stations. The second, called "Train-the-Trainer" (T-t-T) involves departments' trainers receiving instruction at TFACA and returning to their respective fire stations and adding this course to their curricula.

Using the latter format, local departments can train while accommodating their responders' busy schedules. Conducting training in conjunction with TFACA enables students to receive TFACA certificates that become part of the each student's records at TFACA.

The course offering has been extremely well received. Feedback has included the following statements:

"... Everyone should be required to take this class before responding..."

"... great information that is much needed for new responders..."

Classes have been taught in several locations across Tennessee. Please, check <http://www.tennessee.gov/commerce/sfm/tfaca/index.html> for the next class in your area.